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## Beduin, police clash in Negev; 32 injured

News agencies  
TWO dozen policemen and eight Beduin citizens were hospitalized yesterday following a violent clash over construction work in the Omer neighborhood near Beersheba.

Members of the Tarabin A-Sanaa tribe clashed with police after they blocked bulldozers involved in the development work on land claimed by the tribe. The Beduin had started early in the morning disrupting the development work which is taking place within the 200-meter perimeter of Omer that borders on the lands where the tribe lives.

The police formed a human barrier to prevent disruptions of the work. Southern District police chief Cmdr. Yair Yitzhaki said, "At about 8 a.m., dozens of people began streaming out of the village and started attacking them. The youths were musketed and some of them were carrying axes, rocks, iron bars and slingshots. There have been several such disruptions [by the Beduin] but this was the worst."

In the ensuing violent scuffle, eight Beduin and 24 policemen were injured. They were taken to Soroka hospital. Some 40 protesters, including women, were detained.

Hundreds of police and border police reinforcements were called to the scene and a police helicopter hovered overhead.

Knesset member Taleb A-Sanaa, who participated in the demonstration, ripped up his Israeli identity card to protest. A policeman later said that the MK had sat on a ramp and urged the crowd on, taking advantage of his immunity. But the MK denied the charges, saying that he had cooled tempers and prevented police from hurting demonstrators and breaking windows in the Beduin shacks.

The tribe, numbering about 400 people, lives alongside the villa community of Omer in the southern Negev. A-Sanaa said the tribe had been in the same place for the past 30 years and were being moved to enlarge Omer. "Their existence and right to live is being totally ignored. The tribe has appealed to the courts and a hearing is set for next Monday. A month ago, the tribe reached an agreement with the Israel Land Authority but the authority is violating it," he said.

The police and ILA rejected his charge and said the work was being carried out in accordance with a High Court decision. "I feel degraded today, like a resident of Jabaliya [refugee camp] or Lebanon, and not an Israeli citizen," said Mahmud A-Sanaa, spokesman for the tribe's youth group. "They came and beat up our children and our women with such cruelty, with clubs. Pregnant women almost lost the babies in their wombs."

Later in the day, senior police officers met with representatives of the demonstrators, including the MK. It was agreed to release the women detained and both sides agreed to desist from further violence. But the police stressed that it was their duty to protect the construction workers from attack.



IDF Chaplaincy Corps personnel sift earth at the site where the apparent remains of Ilan Sa'adon were found yesterday. (IDF Spokesman)

## Sa'adon's remains said found

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN  
WITH the help of information supplied by the Palestinian Authority security services, Israel believes it has found the body of Ilan Sa'adon, the IDF soldier kidnapped and murdered by Hamas terrorists seven years ago, near Palmahim.



Ilan Sa'adon

Ya'acov Perry, former GSS head and the government coordinator for MIAs, insisted there was no exchange involved this time and Israel would not release Hamas spiritual leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin. Perry helped broker the return of the bodies of Yosef Fink and Rahabim Alsheikh by the Hizbullah last week.

"I want to say that intelligence elements in the Palestinian Authority were involved in this effort acting under the instructions of [PLO leader] Yasser Arafat," Perry said.

Israel has consistently raised the Sa'adon issue with the Palestinians and the cooperation is likely to improve relations between Arafat and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's government.

"Ilan Sa'adon's body was found as the result of a continuous effort over the past weeks that went beyond Israel. These efforts, mostly by the Palestinian Authority, bore fruit and are worthy of appreciation," said Arafat adviser Ahmed Tibi.

Culminating a seven-year search, searchers suspected they had located the remains of the missing soldier on Sunday when they uncovered fragments of a skeleton near Palmahim. When they found a pair of blue sport shorts that went missing with Sa'adon in 1989, they became quite certain that the search was near its end.

"We can't say for certain that we have identified the bones of Ilan Sa'adon," said OC Manpower Maj.-Gen. Gideon Sheffer, adding that DNA testing may be ordered to verify the remains. "But according to the specific intelligence information we received, it's highly probable that this is Sa'adon," Sheffer said.

Members of the IDF's department for missing persons, together with Sa'adon's relatives and Public Works Department, focused their search along a new road paved to Palmahim beach south of Rishon LeZion. They determined that the body was probably underneath the road, paved last year, and quickly built a 300-meter bypass.

Digging to a depth of up to eight meters, they located the first human bones two days ago. "We turned over every grain of sand," (Continued on Page 2)

## Sources: Gov't linking PA action in capital with Hebron pullout

DAVID MAKOVSKY

THERE are indications that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is waiting for a Palestinian response on resolving issues in dispute in Jerusalem before declaring the scope and timing of IDF redeployment of Hebron.

While one official flatly refused to discuss a relationship between the two, another would only speak in general terms, saying, "When we say reciprocity, it is reasonable to think that when they want us to 'live up' to the Oslo accords, we want them to do the same."

In meetings with US President Bill Clinton and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Netanyahu promised that Israel will adhere to all aspects of agreements reached by the previous government and said he expected the Palestinians to do likewise in the battle against terror.

Last Thursday, Netanyahu's office sent the Palestinian Authority a list of what it considers to be Palestinian violations of the Oslo accords regarding Jerusalem. It has yet to receive a response.

The list included allowing Jibril Rajoub's Preventive Security forces to operate in the city and allowing offices in the city - such as the Orient House and two other institutions - to deal with official PA business. However, Israel seems to have backed off from its threats to close Orient House, provided it does not become a focal point for foreign dignitaries.

Top Palestinian negotiator Mahmoud Abbas denies that embarrassing the monarch. Officials denied that the order might wait until an announcement on the Hebron redeployment occurs in order to minimize criticism from abroad.

Netanyahu's trip to Amman will be his second visit to an Arab country. Jordanian officials requested that he visit Egypt first as a symbol of deference to the centrality of Cairo in the region.

Hussein is scheduled to meet Syrian President Hafez Assad in next Monday so as to avoid (Continued on Page 2)

## Clinton 'concerned' by Sharon's road plans

HILLEL KUTTLER WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bill Clinton said yesterday that he is "concerned" by National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon's plans to build new roads through the West Bank, but will not make the assumption that the Israeli government stands behind them.

At a joint press conference with visiting Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Clinton also sought to reassure the Arab world that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu means to advance the peace process and urged that he be given time to do so.

Clinton said he had seen reports of Sharon's plans, but did not even know whether they referred to new roads or expanding existing ones. He also said he did not know if "the government of Israel has adopted that policy."

"Until the government of Israel adopts that as policy, I don't want to blame it for something it hasn't done yet," Clinton said after the leaders met for two hours.

"We are concerned about anything that affects the peace process adversely and we expect and believe that Israel will adhere to agreements that it's already made," he said.

"I'm concerned about the reports I've read ... but my understanding is it's not yet been adopted by the government."

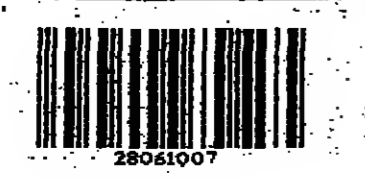
The US has encouraged all the parties throughout to do their all "not to weaken the chances of peace," Clinton said.

But he said public statements are not "most likely to influence events."

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Esther Pollard rests in her bed at Jerusalem's Bikur Holim Hospital after she collapsed due to dehydration yesterday during the second day of her hunger strike. She is protesting US President Bill Clinton's refusal to commute the sentence of her husband Jonathan, convicted in 1985 of spying for Israel. She vowed to press on with her hunger strike as soon as she left the hospital, saying, "I will continue with this until Jonathan is freed." (Photo: Yochi Drezner; photo: Brian Heath)

### Bus fares up 13% tomorrow

HAIM SHAPIRO

BUS fares on most routes are to go up tomorrow by an average of 13 percent, the Transport Ministry announced yesterday.

Local fares in Jerusalem, Haifa and the Tel Aviv area are to rise from NIS 3.30 to NIS 3.70. NIS 2.80 fares in other locations will rise to NIS 3.20.

Also to rise are some interurban fares including Jerusalem-Tel Aviv, to NIS 15 from NIS 14, Tel Aviv-Beersheba, NIS 19 from NIS 17.50, Jerusalem-Bnei Brak, NIS 15.50 from NIS 14.50, and Tel Aviv-Haifa, NIS 18, up from NIS 17.

The monthly bus passes are to be NIS 148 in Jerusalem and Haifa, up from NIS 132, and NIS 137 in Tel Aviv, instead of NIS 122. In the greater Tel Aviv area, the pass is to go up to NIS 112 from NIS 99.

However, some routes in the Negev are to be reduced, including Ashkelon-Sderot, NIS 10 (down from NIS 12), Ashkelon-Netivot, NIS 14.50 (NIS 17.50), Sderot-Ofakim, NIS 12.20 (NIS 15), Beersheba-Netivot NIS 12.20 (NIS 13.70), Beersheba-Sderot, NIS 16 (NIS 17.50), and Ashdod-Bnei Brak NIS 12.20 (NIS 13.70).

## Scalded woman told to appeal against husband's lenient sentence

LIAT COLLINS

THE Knesset Committee on the Status of Women yesterday criticized the decision to sentence a man to only 18 months' imprisonment for throwing boiling water in his wife's face while she was sleeping last week. The victim is still hospitalized with serious scalds.

During a tour of Tel Aviv legal advice centers, committee chairwoman Yael Dayan (Labor) said the woman, Prina Bibis, should appeal the lenient sentence against her husband, Albert. She said she is preparing legislation calling for minimum sentences for certain

offenses, including sexual abuse and wifebeating.

Dayan said many women could not afford private legal advice and the advice centers cannot keep up with the workload. Another problem is the lack of legal centers in peripheral areas. She also noted that some wife-beaters become even more violent if they discover their spouses are considering legal proceedings. Dayan said the State Attorney's office

"almost automatically filed appeals" when they considered the sentence too lenient. She noted that in this specific case, the husband had previously received a three year suspended sentence from the same judge but had waited for the period to pass before throwing the boiling water at his wife.

Legal advice centers work on a voluntary basis, she said, expressing the hope that the prime minister's adviser on the status of women, Emuna Elon, would act to gain funds to help abused women.

## Industry and Trade Ministry official suspected of taking bribes

RAINE MARCUS

A SENIOR Industry and Trade Ministry employee suspected of receiving bribes was remanded for seven days yesterday by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court.

Yisrael Getzel, head of the department's investment center for development areas, was arrested at Ben-Gurion Airport on Sunday afternoon as he was about to board a plane.

According to the national fraud squad Getzel, 43, from Ra'anana, received NIS 10,000 from a com-

pany in return for preferential treatment. Police said half of the amount was paid in checks, which were traced to his bank account. Getzel is suspected of receiving a total of NIS 35,000 in cash and NIS 10,000 in checks from different companies.

Building contractors and company owners have also been questioned and police said more will be summoned on suspicion of offer-

ing bribes. Contractor Efraim Yona was questioned and released on bail.

Police, who requested a 10-day remand, said Getzel was in a position to give grants to factories which met certain criteria set by the department's investment center. One company, said police, received a NIS 800,000 award, although it did not qualify for such a grant, since its construction

was considered poor and it did not meet deadlines. Despite this, police said in court, Getzel worked to ensure the company was given the grant, in return for NIS 10,000 in bribes.

Getzel admitted to receiving bribes, and is reportedly cooperating with investigators. His lawyer asked Judge Nira Lidsky to release him on bail, but the judge ruled that such allegations against an official were sufficiently severe to warrant a remand.

## Hearing of petition against Horev postponed

EVELYN GORDON

SUPREME Court Justice Dalia Dornier has decided to put off hearing a petition against the appointment of Col. Moni Horev as head of the IDF's Officers Training School for another 40 days, to give the Attorney-General time to decide whether to cancel the indictment against Horev.

The petition was filed by Masoud and Aliza Shoshans, whose son Yanai was killed in an army training accident two years ago. Horev, who was Yanai's brigade commander at the time, was indicted for negligence leading to the death after an investigating judge found he had failed to implement new safety regulations enacted after a similar accident a few months earlier.

The trial is due to start in September.

The Shoshans filed the petition after Horev was appointed to head the training school in June. They charged that someone under indictment for negligently causing the death of one of his soldiers has no business training other officers. Horev, who had not previously taken any action against the indictment, began to fight it after the petition was filed. He first asked Judge Advocate-General Uri Shoham for a hearing at which to plead his innocence, and then, when Shoham decided after the hearing not to cancel the indictment, Horev appealed to Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair to cancel it.

As a result of these measures, the hearing on the petition has been

delayed twice already. Last Friday, the state asked for another deferral, to give Ben-Yair time to consider Horev's request. Yesterday, Dornier agreed.

However, she said, at the end of the 40 days, she wants not only Ben-Yair's decision, but also - if he does not cancel the indictment - a decision from Chief of General Staff Amnon Shahak on her original suggestion that Horev be suspended until the end of his trial.

"Horev's attorney, Eli Zohar, estimates that the trial - which is extremely complex, with 75 prosecution witnesses alone - is liable to last two years," she wrote. "I assume that if Horev's request that his indictment be canceled is rejected, the length of the trial will have an impact on the CGS's decision, and it could be that the petition itself will become unnecessary."

The Shoshans' attorney reacted angrily to the decision.

"What this means is that an officer accused of causing the death of one of his soldiers through negligence, whose request that the indictment be canceled was rejected, will continue to occupy the sensitive post of head of the Officers Training School for at least another 40 days," said attorney Ido Shapira.

"This is a time of concern over the IDF's public image, with [a group of] reserve officers organizing to do public relations work for the army. But I doubt whether 1,000 public relations consultants could repair the damage caused by such a phenomenon."

## Protester against Eitan's dual ministerial role ends hunger strike

LIAT COLLINS

A HUNGER striker protesting the fact that the same minister heads both the Agriculture and the Environment ministries has ended his fast after 33 days.

Veterinarian Bernard Hurwitz, who lost 14 kilograms during his hunger strike, said yesterday he had decided to end the protest after being convinced that Rafael Eitan, who holds both portfolios, is taking the Environment Ministry seriously.

Today Eitan is scheduled to release details of the Environment Ministry's long-term plans and policy guidelines. Among the expected clauses is a call to review the policy for approving the rezoning of agricultural land; reconsider the Trans-Israel Highway; and encourage rail and public transport networks.

"My aim in hunger-striking was to strengthen the Environment Ministry," Hurwitz said yesterday. "According to this program, the minister intends to do this so I see no reason to continue the protest for the moment."

Hurwitz, who turned his veterinary clinic into a "war-room" for the hunger strike, said he received many calls of support from the general public and that Eitan had also phoned him.

Hurwitz, who lives on a moshav in the central region, said he has been particularly concerned about the rezoning of agricultural land to allow more industry and warehouses on farmland, causing urban blight, pollution and ruining the landscape and open spaces.

## Burg slams Navon Committee findings

Jerusalem Post Staff

JEWISH Agency Chairman Avraham Burg condemned the findings of the Navon Commission yesterday, saying the problem of Ethiopian immigrant blood donations should be handled through individual testing.

"I am angry and hurt," Burg said in a statement. "Every member of

Israeli society is my brother - I would give my blood to them all and receive blood from them all. If everyone's blood must be tested, so be it. The State of Israel can afford it."

Burg noted that a nation of immigrants cannot brand one of its communities. "If there is a problem, it must be handled by individual testing. That's the logical and reasonable approach."

The commission recommended that instead of a ban on blood from Ethiopian immigrants, blood should not be taken from anyone who spent at least six months during the past 10 years in any of 63 AIDS-afflicted countries.

It also did not call for the dismissal of the blood bank head and Health Ministry officials who implemented the policy of discarding almost all blood donations from Ethiopian immigrants, who are considered high-risk as HIV carriers.

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# Mujahideen look to topple the US

BACKGROUND  
PINHAS INBARI

**T**ERRORISM has again succeeded in placing itself high on the international agenda and, needless to say, much of the focus is on the Middle East.

There are a number of Islamic terrorist organizations, and they differ in their attitude toward directly hitting American targets.

In broad terms, organizations linked to Syria or Iran no longer aim their activities specifically at American interests. Hizbullah is now almost exclusively preoccupied with its campaign against Israel and the South Lebanese Army and long ago ceased kidnapping and assassinating Americans.

Even during the Gulf war, pro-Iranian terrorist groups like Hizbullah and Islamic Jihad refused to answer Saddam Hussein's call to hit American targets. Moreover, they even gave tacit backing to the American-led coalition which gathered to liberate Kuwait.

Hence it is unlikely that Iran or Syria were directly involved in downing TWA Flight 800 in New York if, as now seems likely, it was blown up by a terrorist bomb.

Even Islamic Jihad has reduced its activities, since Dr. Ramadan Shallah took control after the killing of Fathi Shkaki in Malta.

But the rabidly fundamentalist groups in the large framework of the Moslem Brotherhood have a different set of priorities. For them the US and the West in general are the Great Satan. They consider jihad against Israel as a sideshow in the real war against the West.

These are basically the Mujahideen, the former anti-Soviet warriors recruited and trained by the Americans, and funded by the Saudis, during the Afghanistan war. They firmly believe they toppled the Soviet

Union and now are confident they can do the same to the US.

These were the old "Afghan Arab" warriors who bombed the World Trade Center in New York in 1993. They are deeply involved in the civil war in Algeria, and were the key link to last year's wave of terrorism in Paris.

The leader of this group is a Saudi militant, Usama bin Laden, who is currently in Afghanistan. After the successful terrorist attack on the American military complex in Dhahran which killed 19 service personnel, he said the Mujahideen would not tolerate the existence of the US military in the holy peninsula of Arabia. His statement was welcomed by Iraq.

Ibo Laduo did not admit direct Mujahideen responsibility for Dhahran, but there are not many likely alternatives.

If terrorist organizations backed by Syria and Iran do not pose an immediate direct threat to American targets, they still wage indirect war against American policies by operating inside Arab states which might want to comply with American requests.

Jordan, for example, last month produced a list of about 25 terrorist attacks inside Jordan made by Syrian-based terrorist organizations. This terrorism was meant to dissuade Jordan from normalizing its relations with Israel.

The Gulf states have also hinted that Syria was involved in stirring domestic unrest to prevent them pursuing normalization with Israel - at the same time that Iran was actively subverting Bahrain, the headquarters of the US's Gulf naval fleet.

As for Hamas, it is far too preoccupied with the local Palestinian struggle with Israel to expend time, energy and resources on declaring war on the West.

# Former Saddam minister defects

**T**HE engineer who supervised construction of a "super gun" for Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein has defected and is seeking asylum in Germany, according to Iraqi dissidents.

Nizar al-Qaseer, who also served as irrigation minister until he was sacked last year, slipped into the Kurdish-controlled north of the country in recent weeks and sought the help of Kurdish rebels, the dissidents said.

They said al-Qaseer wants to leave for Germany, where he studied engineering. They said he was accompanied by his family.

An Iraqi opposition group also claimed three of its members were killed last week in a failed plot to assassinate Saddam.

The National Democratic Trend said the plot was discovered minutes before the men were to board a helicopter and attack Saddam at Habaniya resort, 60 kilometers west of Baghdad. It said the men, killed by Iraqi security, were air-force officers.

Iraqi opposition groups and Israeli news media recently have reported the execution of dozens of army officers after what they said was a failed coup attempt in June that followed a renewed struggle in Saddam's ruling family.

Several air-force officers also were arrested, the opposition said.

The latest defection follows the March departure from Iraq of Gen. Nizar al-Khazraji, a former chief of staff of the Iraqi army. He defected to Jordan.

Al-Qaseer was the top aide to Gen. Hussein Kamel Al-Majid, Saddam's son-in-law who was responsible for Iraq's military-industrial complex. Al-Majid and his brother defected to Jordan in August 1995, they were killed in February after returning to Baghdad.

The dissidents said al-Qaseer had been in charge of Iraq's ambitious program to build a huge artillery piece known as the "super gun" before the scheme was uncovered in the aftermath of the Gulf war.

The super gun was designed by a Canadian, Gerald Bull, who was murdered in Brussels in 1988.

After the war, al-Qaseer was mayor of Baghdad, then irrigation minister. In the ministry post, he was responsible for supervising the dam and canal project aimed at draining Iraq's southern marshes.

Environmentalists have strongly criticized the project, saying it is an ecological disaster for the region's watersheds and is destroying the lifestyle of Arabs who lived in the marshes for centuries.

# Arab police discuss terrorism

**S**ECURITY officials from 16 Arab countries this week met to discuss a strategy to increase cooperation against terrorism in the Arab world.

During the three-day conference they faced the difficult task of defining terrorism and forging a practical plan to combat the political violence that has plagued some of their countries.

Egyptian Interior Minister Hassan el-Alfy in an opening address urged his fellow ministers to speed up efforts against religious extremism and terrorism, which he called "a criminal phenomenon."

"Security is a mutual responsibility, and any shortcoming in any Arab country will have an adverse impact on the rest," el-Alfy said.

The Cairo conference opened a day before the Group of Seven industrialized nations began an anti-terror conference in Paris.

Russia joined the US, France, Britain, Germany, Italy, Canada and Japan at that meeting.

Arab nations, especially those fighting Moslem insurgencies, have repeatedly accused Western nations of giving asylum to extremists who organize violence against their homelands or anti-government propaganda.

"How come some foreign countries - which say they champion human rights and democracy - are at giving lodging to terrorists?" asked Ahmed al-Salem, a Saudi Arabian diplomat and secretary-general of the Arab Interior Ministers' Council, which is sponsored by the Arab League. (AP)

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# Jordan's bread battle is the tip of a deep economic crisis

ANALYSIS  
SHIMON TAMIR

**J**ORDAN'S choosing the wrong side in the Gulf war has progressively undermined the country's economy.

Jordan is unable to repay foreign debts, estimated at \$5 to \$6 billion. It no longer gets aid from Arab oil states or remittances from Jordanians working there - an annual loss of some \$3b. to \$4b.

These and other factors harm Jordan's competitiveness in world markets. The government has announced emergency economic measures as it faces deep recession.

This has developed into a "bread battle" as hikes in basic foodstuffs become inevitable. These have been state subsidized under the budget law to the tune of 38 million dinars a year (\$54m.).

Amid widespread apprehension throughout Jordan, King Hussein is leading the ruling hierarchy in a public information blitz to explain the economic measures.

Memories of the 1977 Egyptian bread riots, which caused much death and destruction and endangered Anwar Sadat's regime, are never far from regional leaders' minds.

Several problems have led to this need for drastic measures. Heading the list is an agricultural sector which fails to meet basic public demand.

Some 60 to 70 percent of basic foodstuffs are imported, an outlay of hundreds of millions of dollars in foreign currency. State coffers simply cannot sustain it. Wheat products, the heart of rising bread prices, are a key issue. Of 460,000 tons of flour consumed in Jordan, only 7% is produced locally.

A bold - and, at 700 kg. per dunam, successful - drive to grow wheat in the south of the country had to be scaled back because of high water costs - 150 dinars per ton of wheat. The government was obliged to pay a fixed price of 250 dinars a ton for what cost 100 dinars to import.

Since Jordan's water crisis is one of the worst in this region, it was neither logical nor wise to pour such a volume of fresh water into a project giving no return.

There is also a plague of speculation in animal feed, also heavily subsidized but being sold on the black market and in neighboring countries.

It all means an unchecked subsidy system has gone bankrupt and is the root cause of a budget deficit nearing \$600m. a year.

There also is a massive flight of depositors from banks, driven by realistic fears of an imminent devaluation of the dinar.

Another of Jordan's central problems is the chronic failure of its exporters. With the exception of Dead Sea products like phosphates, Jordanian products are failing to enter regional and world markets, especially rich Western ones.

Iraq, which absorbed 40% of Jordan's exports in the past, is a shrunken market.

Other regional markets, particularly in the Gulf, are no longer the rich source of income they were in the past. Furthermore, Jordanian products have problems penetrating Western markets because of ever rising quality standards.

With a dearth of local and foreign capital investment, Jordan's only source of hard currency - especially since its lost income from Kuwait and Saudi Arabia - should be from exports. After all, the exports purpose is to defray the costs of importing, which is ballooning year by year.

The battle to contain bread prices is only the tip of the iceberg as the deteriorating economy threatens more increases in more basic goods - water, electricity, telephones, housing, the list is long.

The only apparent escape route would appear to be channeling the necessary capital into Jordan-Israel development plans. This could be accelerated by establishing the regional development bank which Western countries, led by the US, have promised.

In a country like Jordan, where unemployment is 15 to 20% and inflation hits all sectors of society hard, the danger of internal strife is very real. Noisy Islamic opponents could join forces with Palestinian in the refugee camps to exploit the government's predicament and undermine the peace treaty with Israel.

The economic plan, which is hitting the average Jordanian like a thunderbolt, may yet strike the

foundations of relations with Israel and the entire regional peace process. There is an urgent need for a speedy way out of Jordan's economic impasse.

It needs new export markets, especially in the West, but above all, it needs the urgent activation of all regional development plans. Those with Israel are most important since most of the planning has been done for projects in water, tourism, industrial zones and free trade.

Jordan should be a model for the success of the peace agreements, encouraging other countries in the area - particularly Syria and Lebanon - to see the advantages of dealing with Israel. The question in the mind of every Jordanian citizen must be how soon good economic tidings will come from high-level bilateral contacts and justify the Jordan-Israel peace treaty.

Many Jordanians still see the treaty as a solution to their country's economic woes.

Only economic benefit - a peace dividend - can strengthen and entrench the historic Israel-Jordan peace treaty.



Celebrating 50 years of oil exports, the emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmad al-Sabah (right) and Oil Minister Abdul-Mohsen al-Mudej turn a gold-plated wheel to open a symbolic pipeline at a ceremony to mark the recent anniversary. (Reuters)

# Oman returns territory to Yemen

**O**MAN this week completed the last phase of an agreement to hand over to Yemen the remaining territories it held on the Omani-Yemeni borders, press reports said.

Based on the demarcation agreement signed between the two countries in 1992, Oman withdrew its troops and removed fortifications from the city of Shahin and the Sarfeet Heights in the Maharah province 1,200 km. east of the capital San'a.

Oman seized the 5,000-sq. km. area during the Dhofar rebellion in the early 1970s. It stretches along a 3,000-km. strip extending from the coast of the Indian Ocean towards the vast Rub al-Khali, or the "Empty Quarter" desert region.

The withdrawal process was attended by senior Omani and Yemeni military officials.

A total of 15,000 Omani troops withdrew along with their reinforcements, and only border guards were kept to oversee security and fight smuggling, the papers said.

Yemen and Saudi Arabia also signed a long-awaited security agreement this week to fight crime and exchange intelligence on security.

The agreement, signed in the Red Sea port city of San'a by Yemeni Interior Minister Col. Hussein Mohammed Arab and his Saudi counterpart, Prince Nayef bin Abdul Aziz, also covers joint efforts to combat arms smuggling and drug trafficking. The five-year pact takes effect immediately. (Agencies)

# Iran ends incursion into Iraq

News agencies

**I**RAN and Iraq were locked in a war of words this week after Tehran launched a weekend offensive against Kurdish rebels inside northern Iraq.

The Baghdad government strongly condemned the attacks by Iranian forces on rebel positions in northern Iraq.

Iran said it had ended its incursion after completing a "successful operation." A Foreign Ministry spokesman said that Iran's charge d'affaires in Baghdad was summoned to the ministry and handed a strongly worded protest note that demanded an immediate Iranian withdrawal from Iraqi territory.

Iraq said that about 3,000 Iranian troops had crossed into its Kurdish-

held north and killed a number of civilians.

Kurdish groups say the Iranians pushed into Iraq on Sunday in pursuit of Iranian Kurdish rebels.

The Iranian news agency IRNA said shelling by Iran's Islamic revolutionary guards had killed eight people in a clash on the border with Iraq. Several people were also injured, it said.

"Iranian troops have carried out a new aggression on Iraq's sovereignty and territorial integrity in northern regions," said a foreign ministry spokesman in a statement carried by the official Iraqi News Agency (INA).

The spokesman said about 3,000 revolutionary guards and 200 heavy trucks penetrated the area, occupying a mountain and the outskirts of the Kurdish towns of Koi Sanjaq and Taqtaq under fierce shelling.

"This resulted in the killing and wounding of a number of civilians and the inflicting of heavy damage to private and state property in those areas," the spokesman said.

The Iranian shelling scared off thousands of Iranian Kurdish refugees, the UN refugee agency in Baghdad said.

Iraq's UN High Commissioner for Refugees representative said

the shelling has so far led to the flight of about 2,000 refugees. He said they were now huddling around the UNHCR office in Iraq's Kurdish province of Arbil, seeking protection and assistance.

Iran resumed its heavy bombardment of targets in northern Iraq on Sunday in pursuit of guerrillas of the Kurdistan Democratic Party of Iraq (KDPI) based in Iraqi Kurdish areas outside the control of the government in Baghdad.

"The incursion and bombardment in Kurdish areas have resulted in the displacement of many refugees and many of them have fled, seeking refuge and assistance," UNHCR's Abdullah Saied said.

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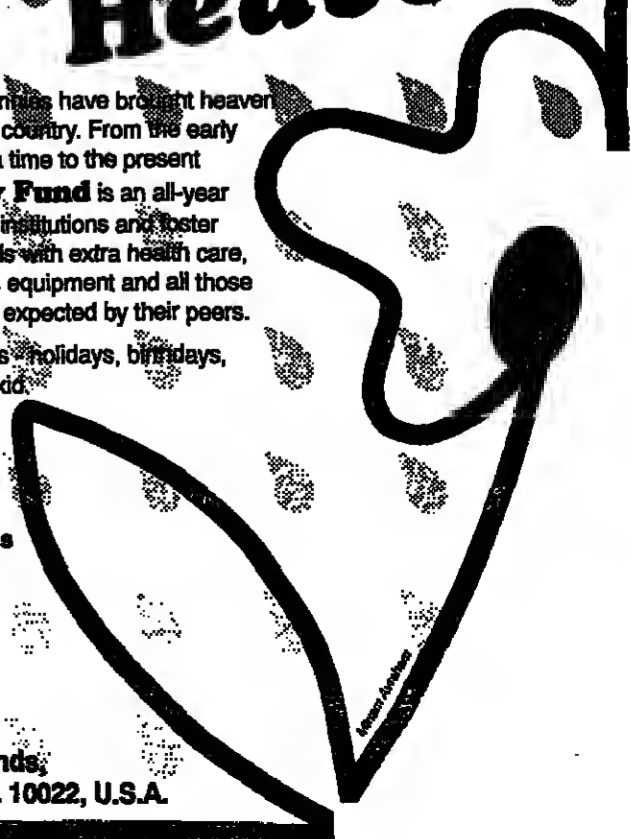
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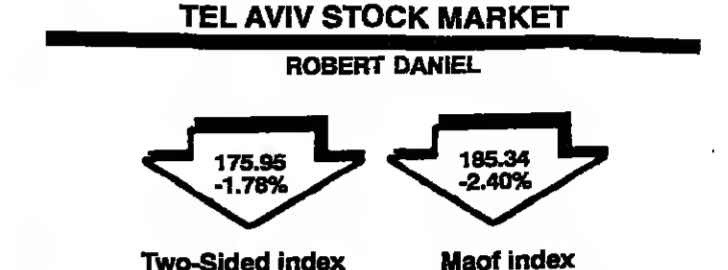
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Market falls after two days of rises



STOCKS dropped after two days of rises on options-related trading and concern that inflation-adjusted interest rates would remain relatively high even after the central bank said it would cut rates.

The market is very volatile; it responds much more intensely to bad news, said Idan Azoulay, a portfolio manager at Impact Securities.

Euromarkets recoup losses on US data

LONDON (Reuter) - European houses clawed back some of their losses yesterday as US economic data eased interest rate fears but the mood remained jumpy ahead of more key statistics later in the week.

The dollar had a rough day, first perking up when lower-than-expected US labor cost figures soothed inflation worries, then falling when data showing a jump in consumer confidence muddled the picture.

In London, stocks regained some of the day's losses but still closed down 0.25 percent after thin and nervous trading ahead of Friday's US jobs data, which will throw more detailed light on the state of the American economy.

French investors welcomed the US labor costs data and wiped out morning losses on the Paris bourse. Shares climbed to end up 0.4% after registering a loss of 0.5%.

Stocks end higher

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks rallied into the close as signs of slowing retail activity helped reinforce other reports yesterday that held out hope for modest inflation.

Major indexes had hovered near opening levels most of the day, handcuffed by fears this week's remaining reports might jolt the market.

CURRENCY CROSS-RATES
MARK - 0.4344/48
STERLING 2.3005/15
YEN 136.70/80

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# Disruptions expected at B-G Airport today

MICHAL YUDELMAN

FLIGHT disruptions are expected at Ben-Gurion Airport this morning as Airports Authority workers meet to protest the government's plans to privatize airports. The workers announced that sanctions would begin at 8 this morning but refused to say how long they would last. The Airports Authority and the Ports and Railways Authority unions, which intend to hold workers' protest meetings at 8 a.m. today, have set up a joint committee to fight the government's plan to separate the ports into independent bodies as the first step towards privatization. Other disruptions in large

work places are expected in the next few days following the Histadrut's authorization of labor disputes countrywide as part of its battle against the government's economic program. The union leaders and management of United Mizrahi Bank are due to meet again tonight with Histadrut Chairman MK Amir Peretz in a further effort to solve the dispute and end the strike in the bank. (See story page 8) UMB workers are not Histadrut members, but they appealed to the labor federation and other bank unions for sup-

port after 250 of them were unilaterally dismissed. Both workers and management yesterday accepted Peretz as arbitrator on issues which remain controversial. Histadrut sources yesterday cited UMB as an example that privatization is not a sure recipe for success. The bank, which previously made a profit, started floundering after it was sold to private hands, they said. The sources stressed that a company's performance is first and foremost a result of the quality of management, and not of the identity of its owners. Haim Shapiro contributed to this report.

# Boston firm reveals Netanyahu's US Social Security number

STEVE LEIBOWITZ

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's US Social Security number is 172-42-6111, according to the Boston Consulting Group in Massachusetts which employed Netanyahu for about one year during 1979-80. The number indicated by the marketing firm contradicts information contained in a credit report by the US federally regulated Transunion company, pulled from company files during the first days of July. According to that report, Netanyahu and an American named John J. Sullivan both used Social Security number 020-36-4537. Questions were raised in the reports as to whether Netanyahu had attempted to create a false identity or had used a number which was not his. Publication of the credit report findings, and later reports indicating that Netanyahu's name had suddenly been deleted from Transunion's files, raised additional questions about possible computer break-ins into the company's records.

Netanyahu aides have repeatedly claimed that the prime minister does not remember his number. In order to untangle Netanyahu from the issue, aides three weeks ago asked US officials to provide his number. According to the Prime Minister's Office, that request has yet to be answered. In recent days, the same aides contacted the Boston Consulting Group and asked that the company provide records of Social Security payments in Netanyahu's name, and indicate the number. After receiving a formal written request from Netanyahu, they complied. Contacted by The Jerusalem Post, company spokeswoman Kaye Mosher confirmed that the information was genuine. The paper has a photograph of Sullivan, a copy of his Social Security card and the Transunion files in question. All will be published in this newspaper on Friday in a special feature on the Netanyahu-Sullivan affair.

# Generals: Publication on IAF has caused grave damage

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

RETIRED generals blasted the publication in London of revelations about the Israel Air Force, saying the information would help Arab armies. The latest edition of *Jane's World Airforces* details the number of aircraft, names and locations of squadrons and inventories of weapons. "This is unbelievable," former OC Air Force Avihu Bin-Nun said. "The bottom line is that this causes very grave damage." According to the report, Israel has at least 699 aircraft, including 243 F-16s and 72 F-15s. The IAF also has two squadrons of Jericho IRBM missiles located at the Sdot Micha air base near Lod. It also listed the number, location, name and function of each IAF squadron at 11 air bases around the country. Even though the report was published last March, it wasn't noticed in Israel until Yediot Aharonot military analyst Alex Fishman reported on it yesterday.

Retired brigadier-general Oded Erez told Israel Radio that not all of *Jane's* information is correct and that most of it has been published abroad before, "but there has never been such a concentration as this before." "This information is the fruit of tedious work done over

years and derived from many sources. It could very well be that the enemy intelligence can use this publication in order to justify gaining special funding for building forces since we are posing this kind of threat," Erez said. It would be naive to believe Israel is immune to this sort of exposure. Erez said, "but it is very important that field security was not diligent and we have to be more strict about this. There is a price for the public's right to know," he added. *Jane's* spokesman Paul Beaver dismissed the suggestion that the company was revealing sensitive information. "Intelligence organizations already have it," he told the AP. "Everything in there has been previously published somewhere in the world." The IDF Spokesman said the IAF does not comment on foreign reports on its forces.



Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein awards certificates of excellence yesterday to new immigrants who completed a pre-Induction Education Corps course at a base in the North. (Yitzhak Elhanan)

# Seven-justice panel to consider petitions on Rehov Bar-Ilan closure

EVELYN GORDON

SEVEN justices will hear the four petitions regarding the closure of Rehov Bar-Ilan on Shabbat, Supreme Court President Aharon Barak decided yesterday. In general, panels of seven or more justices are reserved for cases which are especially complex or controversial, or which raise an important constitutional issue. The hearing will be held on August 15. Barak will head the panel himself. The Transport Ministry recently decided to close the road during prayer times on Shabbat for a

four-month trial period, at the end of which the effects of the closure would be evaluated. The ministry said this decision struck an appropriate balance between the traveling needs of the secular public and the religious sensibilities of the haredim, who constitute almost the whole of the street's population. The ministry noted that an alternate route does exist to the street, which would add a mere 1.5 kilometers, or about two minutes of travel time. Two petitions were originally filed against this decision, by MK

Offer Pines (Labor) and Labor activist Lior Horev. MK Yossi Sarid (Meretz) later filed a similar petition, and on Monday, a haredi organization filed a counter-petition, demanding that the road be closed for all of Shabbat. The three petitions against the partial closure all argue that Bar-Ilan is a major artery, whose closure would cause great damage to the secular population. The petitions said the decision violates the basic right of freedom of travel, and charged that it was made without consulting representatives of secular neighborhoods.

# MK Itzik blasts haredi violence in Jerusalem

MICHAL YUDELMAN

LABOR MK Dalia Itzik yesterday condemned the increasing haredi violence in Jerusalem and especially its manifestations against women. Itzik lashed out at the "speechlessness" which took hold of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert and Education Minister Zevulun Hammer after haredi men attacked an education ministry worker, warning that moderate residents like herself will not tolerate it any longer and "violence will beget violence." Itzik referred specifically to the latest such incident which involved Sigalit Amar, who was assaulted in the center of Jerusalem on Tuesday by a haredi crowd. They smashed her car windows and threatened to murder her. Amar, who had just driven to work at the education ministry, said: "I saw about 50 haredim with clubs, pipes and garbage cans rushing towards me and surrounding my car. They started banging on it for an hour and told me they would finish with me. They tried to set the car on fire and to turn it upside down. I drive every day from Moshav Kedar through Arab quarters, but to the center of Jerusalem? I never felt such terror

or such a threat to my life." Another ministry worker said haredi posters, lo alleys where the employees park their cars, threatened to burn the vehicles. "We can't take this religious coercion anymore," she said. The Jerusalem police yesterday rejected haredi leaders' demands to release demonstrators arrested during Saturday's protest on Rehov Bar-Ilan and a haredi student who assaulted an undercover policewoman in a summer dress on Sunday. In exchange, the haredi leaders had said, they would act to stop the violence. The policewoman was taking part in a police operation to expose haredi men who attacked secular women during the past weeks. After the police turned down the deal, streets in Mea She'arim were covered with posters calling for the removal of the education ministry from the area and for a campaign against the ministry's female workers who "dress abominably." Itzik said on Israel Radio yesterday that, since the elections, the haredi leaders are suffering from "giddy light-headedness" because of the power they achieved and described the situation in

Jerusalem as a "creeping haredi occupation. The situation is appalling and already there is a sense of suffocation in the city, which is getting worse." Itzik said she is "shocked by the silence of the education minister, who promised 'Zionism with soul' and a bridge between religious and secular people. True, there are no [government perks] here for the National Religious Party. But it is his duty to condemn what is going on." She also lashed out at Netanyahu and Olmert "who for some reason have been struck dumb." Itzik blasted Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, who failed to back Jerusalem Police Commander Aryeh Amit in his attempts to maintain order in the haredi demonstrations. "I hope Kahalani is having pangs of regret now, after his reprimands to Amit. Because if we show weakness here, women and young girls will not be able to walk around freely, even on Shabbat," she said. Education Minister director-general Ben-Zion Dill said the haredi violence is unfortunate but the police are responsible for law and order in the state and must take care of these manifestations of violence too.

# NIS 30,000 stolen from Rosh Ha'ayin bank

Three masked men robbed the Otzar Hahayal bank in Rosh Ha'ayin yesterday morning, stealing NIS 30,000. The men, armed with a knife and gun, escaped in a car waiting outside.

WEATHER map of Israel showing temperatures for various cities: Golan 15-30, Haifa 24-31, Tiberias 23-33, Afula 23-34, Samaria 18-30, Jerusalem 20-31, Beersheva 20-36, Dead Sea 29-40, Eilat 28-42.

AROUND THE WORLD table with columns for city, low, high, and conditions. Includes cities like Amsterdam, Berlin, London, etc.

Winning cards and numbers. The winning cards in yesterday's daily Chance draw were: Jack of spades, ace of hearts, queen of diamonds, and Jack of clubs.

IEC sets up wind-energy turbine. The Israel Electric Corporation has completed work on an experimental wind-energy turbine on the grounds of Kibbutz Ma'aleh Gilboa.

Levin rebuts criticism over lie-detector tests. Authority Director-General Rian Levin expressed regret last night at criticism leveled at him by Communications Minister Limor Livnat for ordering lie-detector tests for the authority administration.

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